

<b>REPORT OF MEETING</b>
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**SUBJECT:** Public Information Meeting – Branford, CT

**DATE OF MEETING:** December 5, 2012

**BRIDGE:**

<u>Bridge No.</u>	<u>Project No.</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Route</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>P.E. Project No.</u>
01358	14-179	Branford	Route 139	Branford River	170-2811

**LOCATION OF MEETING:** Fire Headquarters Meeting Room – Branford, CT

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Janice Plaziak	Town Engineer – Branford	203-315-0606
Lou Bacho	Consultant Bridge Design – ConnDOT	860-594-3212
Joseph Scalise	Consultant Bridge Design – ConnDOT	860-594-3389
Michael Marzi	Rights of Way – ConnDOT	860-594-2439
Ryan Apanovitch	Office of Environmental Protection – ConnDOT	860-594-2935
Timothy Ryan	BL Companies	860-249-2200
David Cicia	BL Companies	860-249-2200
Gene McCarthy	McFarland Johnson	603-225-2978
Jim Hall	McFarland Johnson	603-225-2978
Dennis Garceau	WMC Consulting Engineers	860-667-9624
Jay Costello	WMC Consulting Engineers	860-667-9624
Robert Cosker	Close Jensen & Miller (CJM)	860-563-9375

Representatives from WMC and CJM were in attendance to discuss Bridge No. 04848, School Ground Road over the Branford River. There were approximately 20 residents in attendance.

**TRANSACTIONS AND DETERMINATIONS:**

The meeting opened with a brief introduction followed by the design presentation. After the presentations, the meeting was opened to questions and comments. The following is a summary of the presentation and comments.

A representative from BL Companies stated that this public informational meeting was scheduled to discuss Bridge No. 01358 (Route 139 over the Branford River) and Bridge No. 04848 (School Ground Road over the Branford River). It was also mentioned that there is an intersection improvement project for the School Ground Road/Route 139 intersection (State Project No. 98-103) that is currently in the final design phase.

The anticipated construction schedules for the three projects were discussed. In 2013, the School Ground Road intersection project will begin construction. The School Ground Road bridge replacement project will begin construction following the completion of the intersection project, which is anticipated to be in 2014. The Route 139 bridge replacement project will begin construction after the completion of the School Ground Road bridge project, which is anticipated to be in 2015. The sequence of construction is necessary to allow School Ground Road to be used as a detour route during the construction of the Route 139 bridge.

BL Companies made the presentation for the proposed replacement of Bridge No. 01358. The existing two-span bridge was built in 1925 and is in poor condition due to the deteriorated superstructure. The bridge is also hydraulically inadequate and exhibits scour at the abutments. The existing bridge is proposed to be replaced with a single span, concrete bridge with a larger hydraulic opening.

The proposed bridge replacement will result in approximately 950-feet of roadway construction. The proposed roadway approach width is 32-feet with two 12-foot travel lanes and two 4-foot shoulders. The Route 139 alignment will be shifted at the bridge to remove the existing reverse curve north of the bridge. The roadway profile be raised approximately 3.5-feet (at the bridge) in order to meet the minimum hydraulic requirements. Traffic will be detoured via School Ground Road during construction.

The replacement of this bridge is to be undertaken with Federal and State funds. The estimated construction cost for this project is \$4,000,000.

A representative from ConnDOT discussed the right-of-way/easement process.

A resident asked if information on the projects was available online. *The Branford Town Engineer stated the presentation would be shown on Branford's local TV channel (BCTV) and that a copy of the presentation would be put onto the Town's website.*

A resident asked if Route 22 was considered as a detour route. *A representative from BL Companies stated that School Ground Road was a better detour route because of the close proximity to the Route 139 bridge.*

A resident asked if the intersection project would install a traffic signal. *The Branford Town Engineer stated that the project does include a traffic signal.*

A resident asked if there would be temporary sidewalks for pedestrian use during construction. *A representative from both BL Companies and WMC said there would not be a temporary sidewalk since there is no existing walk.*

A resident asked if the intersection project would provide room for a turn lane. *The Branford Town Engineer stated that the project does include a turn and bypass lanes.*

A resident asked if there was any recourse for businesses that are impacted by construction due to the traffic detour. *A ConnDOT representative stated that businesses cannot claim a loss since a detour route is made available.*

The public was asked to comment in writing or online. In general, the public and local officials present at the meeting had no major concerns or objections to the current proposal. Therefore, ConnDOT intends on moving the proposal forward and to authorize Final Design.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
David M. Cicia

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Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

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